

WEED BEACH BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Special Meeting - Meeting Minutes  
Thursday – 7:30pm - June 25, 2009  
Room B-3 - Town Hall

**Present:** P. Hovell, J. Howe, D. Bayne, S. Swiatek, J. Branigan, D. Parnon, J. Enters, C. Darby, S. Daly

**Absent:** M. Wright

This meeting was filmed by Channel 79.

Hovell called the meeting to order at 7:38pm

It was reported that M. Hawley had resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Weed Beach Building Committee for personal reasons.

No one from the public was in attendance for comments.

**Status Review**

Sewer line has been completed and approved. Conduits for CL&P and telephone are in. Work orders have been submitted, everything is ready to go.

While trenching for the conduit, two storm drains that were not identified on the map were discovered. Both pipes had to be repaired as one was found broken and the other was broken while digging the trench. The unanticipated repairs and the weather slowed progress. Now that the trenching has been completed, the construction area can be cleaned up: trimming broken tree branches, returning the landscaping close to its original state, replacing rails in the split rail fence and asphalt laid once the area dries out a little. Two utility poles will also be removed.

Playground essentially completed. Punch list was addressed and site was cleaned up in preparation for the Dedication Ceremony on June 30. Crumb rubber question was answered as poured-in-place rubber mats are being used to fulfill the ADA requirements.

**Site Resurvey**

Redniss and Mead offered to resurvey Weed Beach as their original survey was off by approximately 2 inches and were unable to identify the control points. The location of the sewer line was incorrect, the valve box was not properly identified, and the height of the paddle courts was incorrect. We will ask R&M to survey and certify the drawing, and since we will need an "as built" survey when we are complete, we will have them put in the playground, new curbs, ramp, buried sewer and utility lines and delete the telephone poles.

**Garden Club Gift**

The Garden Club would like to give \$45,000 to the Weed Beach project for landscaping. This gift must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission then sent to the Board of Selectmen and RTM for final approval.

A motion was made by D. Bayne: The WBBC recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the gift from the Darien Garden Club up to \$45,000 pursuant to their letter of June 9, 2009 (see letter attached). The WBBC approved the motion.

**Benches**

C. Darby has researched benches and found a bench made from recycled milk jugs. A six foot bench costs \$799.00. They are graffiti and mildew resistant and come assembled. C. Darby has also researched the development of a process to add a plaque to those benches that are donated by individuals and/or organizations. The committee requested that she look into the guarantee or warrantee for these benches. (See bench information attached.)

D. Bayne made a motion to approve the purchase of three “polywood” benches. The committee approved the motion.

**Composition of WBBC Committee**

Susan Daly has agreed to fill M. Hawley’s place as Parks and Recreation representative on the WBBC. Recommendations have been made to expand the WBBC by adding two new members. One of the new members should be someone who is active in the construction business and the other person should have numbers or bookkeeping skills so as to help verify the numbers and spreadsheets from Pappajohn.

**Future Meetings**

The WBBC is at a standstill until the BOS releases funds that would allow the project to move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting July 8, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Parnon  
Secretary

**Attachments:**

Darien Garden Club letter of June 9, 2009  
“Polywood” Bench information

*Approved 8.12.09*

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June 9, 2009

Mrs. Jane Branigan, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Town of Darien  
Town Hall  
Darien, CT 06820

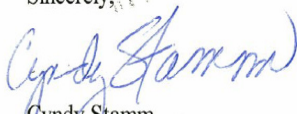
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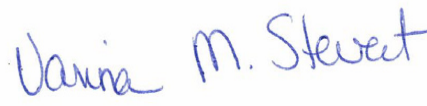
The Garden Club of Darien held a very successful Flower Show in September of 2008. Net proceeds from the Show were earmarked to support the beautification improvements for the Weed Beach Renovation Project.

The Garden Club of Darien is seeking approval of the Parks and Recreations Commission and other appropriate Town bodies to contribute to the Town of Darien up to \$45,000 for trees and other landscaping improvements for the Project. Final details and plans will be developed in conjunction with the Weed Beach Building Committee.

The Garden Club of Darien believes that the Renovation Project will be a wonderful addition to the quality of life in our Town and we hope that the powers that be will give the "green light" to proceed with construction at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

  
Cyndy Stamm  
President  
Garden Club of Darien

  
Varina Steuert  
Member  
Garden Club of Darien

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